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TO : NEA - Mr. Rountree

FROM : NE - Fraser Wilkins *FW*

SUBJECT: Naval Escort to King Saud

REVIEWED BY *Johnson* DATE: January 18, 1957 *RM/R*
DATE *10/1/78*RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE

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ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐DECLASSIFIED ☒ RELEASABLE ☒RELEASE DENIED ☐ *Upon Arrival in New York*

EXEMPTIONS

Discussion:

Captain Davidson of Admiral Burke's office has called to say that the Navy is prepared to do the following upon King Saud's arrival in New York on January 29:

1. Rear Adm. Dudley, former Commander, Middle East Force, would board the CONSTITUTION with the pilot.

2. A destroyer leader and four destroyers (comprising a squadron) would escort the CONSTITUTION to Graves End Bay, where the King and not more than six of his party would be transferred by barge to the destroyer leader.

3. The destroyer leader would proceed to a pier on the North River separate from that of which the CONSTITUTION docks. As the destroyer leader passes Governor's Island, the Army unit on Governor's Island would give the King a 21 gun salute.

4. Ambassador Lodge and the UN representatives would receive the King at the pier and the King would be given honors.

5. If weather did not permit, the King would proceed aboard the CONSTITUTION to the pier and the destroyer leader would escort it. Traffic in New York harbor would not permit the full destroyer squadron to escort the CONSTITUTION to the pier.

The major problem this would create is that double security would have to be provided at the separate piers at which the King and the remainder of his party dock. We cannot be sure the King would desire to transfer in a small boat. I believe, however, we should propose these arrangements and indicate to the Navy our general agreement, subject to His Majesty's approval.

Recommendation:

That Mr. Newsom call Capt. Davidson and indicate our approval of these arrangements.

cc: U/PR - Mr. Conger
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